

THE OPENING OF THE NEW LIBRARY.

Several Most Gratifying Addresses Made by the Officers.

The corner of Alakea and Hotel streets last night presented a very gay appearance, on the occasion of the opening of the new Library building. Between two and three hundred of our best citizens were present in the rooms, which were thrown open for the first time, and the Royal Hawaiian Band discoursed its sweet music on the vacant lot adjoining. Every one admired the rooms which, under the superintendence of Mr. Thomas, have been most perfectly finished. Of the pretty building we need say nothing. It is a little monument to the intelligence of the city.

The new Library building faces on Alakea street, is excellently ventilated and was last night adorned with a scroll, "Welcome-Aloha." It has a gallery led up to by an ornate staircase, is lit elegantly and in size is 22x30 feet. The main reading room is 32x38 feet, and on one side are 44 shelves and 11 sections for the repose of books of reference, periodicals and newspapers, which must not be taken out of the room. This, like all the other rooms, is beautifully wainscoted in white cedar and red wood. None of the work is painted. All the window cases and other effects are also finished in redwood. The room is lit by four 3-light chandeliers of elegant design. On one side are three large double windows, and on the other side three smaller ones. The frescoing throughout is deserving of most favorable mention, and is the work of Mr. Rupprecht.

The social room or *furnoir* will invite the lover of a game of chess or draughts or a devotee of the cigar to pass a pleasant hour, and the building bespeaks for itself rest, quiet and repose. All the ceilings are 16 feet in height, the floors are stained modestly and the ventilation is excellent. Mr. Dele, the President of the Association; Dr. Rodgers, the Secretary of the Building Committee; His Excellency the Hon. Rollin M. Daggett, Wm. Castle, Esq., and others made excellent addresses, which through pressure on our space we cannot give this morning. Among the guests were nearly all the best people of the city, whom it would be impossible and invidious to particularize.

Testimonial Reception to the Independent Members of the Legislature of 1884.

On Saturday evening last, a reception was given at the Lyceum by some of our prominent citizens, to such of the Nobles and Representatives of the Legislature now in session, as have allied themselves with the Opposition party. To these, special invitations were issued on Thursday last, signed by the following committee: A. S. Hartwell, Wm. C. Wilder, Alex. Young, Henry May, F. A. Schaefer, Jos. O. Carter, M. Louissou, H. W. Schmidt, and E. Preston.

Following are the names of those invited:

Hens., of the House of Nobles, Godfrey Rhodes, Charles R. Bishop, Samuel G. Wilder, Paul Isenberg, James I. Dewsett, J. Mott Smith, C. H. Judd, and J. H. S. Martin; and of the House of Representatives, Joseph Nawahi, D. H. Hitchcock, J. M. Kauwila, Godfrey Brown, J. Kaahane, G. W. Pilipo, W. O. Smith, L. W. P. Kanealii, John Richardson, John Kalua, Sanford B. Dele, W. E. Rowell, Frank Brown, and Cecil Brown. Of the Nobles, Charles R. Bishop and Chas. A. Judd were absent; and of the Representatives, Joseph Nawahi and Frank Brown.

Mr. P. C. Jones, Jr., acting as master of ceremonies, opened the meeting by reading a letter of regret from Hon. Nawahi, that ill-health necessitated his absence, and also one from Mr. W. L. Green, of like tenor.

Mr. T. Rain Walker was then introduced as the orator of the occasion. His written address was prefaced by a few extempore remarks in appreciation of the honor conferred upon him.

Responses were made by the Hon. Godfrey Rhodes, in English, and by the Hon. J. Kaahane, in Hawaiian. There was hearty applause by the audience at the conclusion of each of the several addresses made; and three cheers and a "tiger" were given at the conclusion of President Rhodes' response.

The order of the exercises was interrupted by the rain, which had begun to fall in a heavy shower about the conclusion of Mr. Kaahane's response, the audience being asked to then adjourn to the lunch tent, immediately adjoining the building, before the reading of the resolutions, as delay might render it uncomfortably wet.

After partaking of the refreshments, which were abundant and varied, the audience again returned to the Lyceum building to hear the reading of the resolutions, which was done by Mr. Riemenschneider. There were unanimously adopted by the meeting, and adjournment followed soon after.

The Hawaiian Band was in attendance.

and played at intervals, being provided with a separate tent on the premises of Mr. Robt. More, on the opposite side of Kukui street. The Lyceum building and tent were tastefully decorated within and without with evergreens and flowers, and externally handsomely illuminated with colored lanterns, which were also stretched across the Nuuanu road immediately in front of the building.

The audience numbered about 270 persons, among whom were about 50 natives. Rev. A. O. Forbes acted as interpreter for the occasion. The meeting was orderly and well conducted, and a success so far as the execution of its plan was concerned.

ISLAND NOTES.

KOHALA, August 21st.

Queen Emma left us last week in quite a serious condition, but we were made glad by learning that she improved under Dr. McKibbin's attention.

Two schooners at Haapu this week made things look like old times, and we are told that they will be regular in their trips. The planters are beginning to growl at the excess of freight charged by the railroad over the schooners, and it is a certain result that the railroad will lose its freight unless it brings its prices to compare with sail.

Our Sheriff was taken quite seriously ill on Sunday night last, but prompt attendance soon put him on the improved list.

A number of the Portuguese laborers on the Kohala Sugar Company Plantation are paying their own doctor's bills, and say they have been notified that they must have one particular doctor or stand the expense themselves. It is the true missionary spirit that denies a man who has been suffering for months the right to call in aid. Money is good but humanity is better.

The great strain upon the mind of the people has at last been relieved by the appointment of Mr. Z. Kalai as Judge of the Police Court. It is to be hoped he will do better than is expected.

The Chinese Society has taken possession of their hall, and Dr. Thompson will, after the present week, have his office at Makapala where he can be found at all hours.

A Chinaman named Apia was thrown from his horse on Tuesday last, and received a severe shaking up, but is not seriously hurt. Dr. Thompson says.

We hear that Mr. C. A. Chapin and Mr. E. Lake leave for the States on next steamer. We wish them a pleasant trip and quick return.

The Rifles.

The Honolulu Rifles will not drill this evening, on account, we believe, that most of the members are anxious to attend the concert of Mr. Edouard Remenyi. Up to the hour of writing we understand that the great violinist has all his strings intact, that Mr. Luckstone's thumbs are still unsprained and Mr. Rimmer's tonsils unswollen. Miss Downing's trachea and throat are also in excellent health.

The City of Paris.

A cable message was received by last steamer from Messrs. Hoffnung & Company, advising the arrival of the City of Paris at Singapore on the 13th of this month. The many friends of these who took passage on this fine steamship will be glad to learn that this vessel has arrived safely at that port. She will load a cargo of rice at Singapore and proceed directly to London. We wish her all success on her voyage to London and a safe return to Hawaiian waters.

Police Court.

THURSDAY, August 21.

BEFORE POLICE-JUSTICE BICKERTON.

Neil McDonald, charged with drunkenness, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5, and costs \$1.

E. B. Friel, charged with malicious mischief in Honolulu, during month last past. Remanded until 22nd instant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Better behave yourself," said the turnip to the potato, "or some one will come along and take the starch out of you."

Bridget: "Wot's the most genteel thing for a lady as is a lady to carry in the street, Nora?" Cook: "Sure, thin, some prefers a three-volume book; but I prefers a roll of music, meself, quite careless and aisy like."

This is a mighty sensible nation. As soon as a man proves himself a good soldier they elect him to Congress or some other office in which military ability is of no account.

The difference between a single colored man's moan for his sweetheart and a Western storm, is, that one is a dark, lone sigh, and the other a dark cyclone.

The young woman who bites her fingernails and kisses her own pug dog on the nose, would fall in a stony faint at seeing her father nip a piece off the butter lump with his own knife.

A Big Blaze!

SATURDAY, 4:30 A.M.

At twenty minutes to three o'clock this morning, an alarm of fire was communicated to the police station by an officer on the Nuuanu street beat, and the station bell was immediately rung. Within half-minute later the dread fire alarm was rung from the Bell Tower and other station houses. Dense clouds of smoke were seen rolling to the southwest, and in a very few minutes the sky was brilliantly illuminated, indicating a fierce fire in Chinatown. When the ADVERTISER representative arrived, about three minutes after the first alarm rang, it was found that Love's bakery, at the rear of their bread store, on Nuuanu street was in flames. In the meanwhile the fire engines and hose trucks were rapidly rolling towards the scene of action. Connections were rapidly made with the wells and the hose was rolled out with alacrity. No. 1 engine was stationed corner of Smith's lane and Beretania street; No. 2, on Hotel street, opposite Rose lane; No. 4, corner of Chaplain and Nuuanu; No. 5, corner of Nuuanu and Hotel; Pacific Hose Company attached to No. 4. On getting to play, they delivered two heavy streams. In fact all the engines were well worked, and though there was an apparent delay in obtaining water at the start, there was a sufficiency of water in all the wells and mains. Five good streams soon made an impression on the flames, though too late to save the dry wooden structures on the Mauka and Ewa sides of the bakery. There was no wind, fortunately, or the result might have been very different. The next building to the bread store was only recently completed and was not tenanted. Further up were the Chinese stores, four of which were totally demolished.

NARROW ESCAPES.

Nuuanu street presented an unusually animated appearance, men, women and children fleeing from the flames, some of them being but scantily clad, or just as they awoke. At four o'clock the firemen had conquered the flames.

THE POLICE FORCE.

Marshal Parke and a body of police did good work in keeping order and protecting property. Messrs. Goo Kim and Hollister & Co.'s fire-proof stores stood a severe test, but suffered no damage beyond a slight scorching to the projecting wooden eaves, a handsome though dangerous adjunct to such buildings.

GOOD ENGINES.

This is the first time the new engines have been brought into active service, and to them and the fire ladders who handled them is due a large salvage of property.

HIS MAJESTY AS A FIREMAN.

His Majesty the King was on the scene of action, and gave a willing hand like all ex-firemen feel inclined to do.

Another Fire!

Madeira Bazaar Demolished.

Troubles and misfortunes never come singly, and so it is with fires. They generally follow in rapid succession, and such was the case last week. In less than 24 hours after the blaze on Nuuanu street another fire followed of almost equal magnitude.

About twenty minutes past two o'clock Sunday morning, the inmates of the Madeira Bazaar, on King street, opposite the Bethel Church, were disturbed by the smell of smoke, and a very few minutes afterwards the lower part of the premises was in flames. The alarm was sounded, to which there was an almost immediate response by the ever ready firemen. No. 5, China Company, were the first on the spot, and stationed themselves at the corner of Nuuanu and King streets. Unfortunately, they were unable to open the fire plug, but proved themselves equal to the occasion by smashing in the cover with a crowbar. No time was lost in getting water, but it was not before the whole building was in flames. The other engines also did effective service, and by their united efforts the fire was confined to the one building.

The store contained a lot of valuable merchandise, said to be worth \$12,000.

At the time the fire broke out, there were two youths sleeping down stairs, and Mr. Dias, wife and three children up stairs. The two boys got out unscathed, whilst the family had a narrow escape from death. They were aroused, and finding escape down the staircase impossible, they made their exit through the front window on to the corrugated iron veranda, and from thence to the balcony of the adjoining premises occupied by Wolfe & Edwards, and down to the street by a ladder.

The premises were completely gutted; but little damage was sustained by the adjoining buildings. As on the previous night, there was no wind at the time or the result would have been of a more serious character.

INSURANCE.

The insurances were as follows: On stock, South British and National Fire Insurance Cos. of New Zealand, \$4,000. City of London Fire Insurance Co., \$4,000. On fixtures,

South British and National Insurance Company, \$600. Insurance on the building, in the Northern Insurance Company, \$5,000. The latter was transferred from another Company on the 15th instant.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The "Wasp" Plant Destroyed.

On the 5th instant the works of the Schmidt Lithographic and Label Company, in the large brick building, 25, 27, 29, and 31 Main street, between Market and Mission, were completely destroyed by fire. The firm of Tatum & Bowen, which has a store in the same building, and Macfarlane & Co., owners of the *Illustrated Wasp*, who had their plant in the Schmidt Company's rooms, also sustained loss by fire. The building in which the fire occurred is a three-story and basement brick structure. The San Francisco *Illustrated Wasp*, published by E. C. Macfarlane & Co., appeared with black and white cartoons, instead of the usual colors. This new departure was a temporary variation caused by the fire. The total loss will amount in the aggregate to \$200,000.

It was announced that the *Wasp* would appear in colors the following week, temporary arrangements having been made with Britten & Ray, another lithographing firm. The losses were partly covered by insurance.

A Big Auction Sale.

On Wednesday (to-morrow), August 27th, Lyons & Levey will sell at open auction, at the residence on the corner of King and Alapai streets, a perfect and complete set of elegant furniture, from the bedroom to the kitchen, and the parlor to the boudoir. The sale will include lounges, tables, pictures, curtains, bureaus, carpets, rugs, and all the accessories of a lovely house. In addition, the flowers, ferns, and all the appurtenances of a beautiful garden, will be offered for sale. The crockery and glass were offered at this auction is said to be especially rare.

A Merited Compliment.

Yesterday being the occasion of Mr. George Fassett's thirty-eighth birthday the Royal Hawaiian Band serenaded that genial gentleman at the Hotel last evening. The band played a number of pleasing airs, and among them a new song, which was received with enthusiastic applause. Mr. Fassett is a most popular gentleman, and his friends wished him a hearty *aloha*, with many happy returns of the day.

Accidental Shooting.

A native boy living in the vicinity of Haalilamau bridge, broke open a trunk belonging to an elder brother, and abstracted a loaded pistol therefrom, on Saturday last. Calling to one of his playmates, who was down stairs, he waited until the latter arrived at the door of the room in which he was, when he immediately discharged the weapon in his direction. The ball struck him in the head and lodged in the shoulder from whence it was extracted by Dr. Fitch. The sufferer is reported out of danger.

A Correction.

We hasten to make amends for an error we inadvertently committed in referring to the "Pond" case. The following letter will probably set matters right:

Hilo, Hawaii, August 15, 1884.

MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir: We noticed in your issue of August 5th an error in the item on "Gross Cheat."

The article reads thus: * * "It appeared that the accused was the bearer of a letter of introduction to the Attorney-General from Mr. Lyman of Hilo," etc. * *

It should be (as was the fact in the case) * * that the accused was the bearer of a letter of introduction from the Attorney-General to Mr. Lyman of Hilo. * *

Yours truly,

F. S. LYMAN.

Pleasant Affair.

As Miss Wodehouse is about to leave for an extended visit to England, a very pleasant party was given Thursday evening, August 21st, at Kanaaloa in her honor. The night was devoted to dancing, and the company consisted of the many friends of this charming and popular young lady.

Among those present were, H. B. M. Commissioner Wodehouse and Mrs. Wodehouse, Mrs. Mist, Mrs. Dowsett, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Freeth, Captain and Mrs. Hayley, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cartwright, Miss Clegborn, Miss Dora Dowsett, Miss Widfield, Miss Mist, Miss Mary Dowsett, Miss Nina Green, Miss Widemann, Miss Wilder, Miss May, Messrs. J. M. Whitney, Jr., Holdsworth, Swansy, Purvis, J. M. Dowsett, C. J. Deering, G. Macfarlane, Dr. Henri McGrew, J. M. Monsarrat and M. D. Monsarrat.

Phases of the Moon During August, 1884.

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The Rising and Setting of the Sun.

The sun rises to-morrow morning at 5:42 o'clock. The sun sets this evening at 6:21 o'clock.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Captain Mehrtens made a small opium seizure at Pawa Friday morning.

Mr. E. Kruse, who was lately burnt by fire at Kekaha, Kauai, is improving considerably.

It is probable that the night sessions of the Legislature will now cease, as the date of prorogation has been extended a week.

The new rooms of the Library and Reading Rooms Association on Hotel Street were formally opened on Monday evening.

By the S. S. Alameda there returned Mrs. McBryde and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brenig, Mr. Ehrlich, and Mr. Charles H. Dexter.

Purser Sutton of the S. S. Alameda extended the usual courtesies to the ADVERTISER yesterday, for which we tender our thanks.

A large assortment of the finest ladies and gents' bathing suits, all colors, just received per S. S. Alameda, from \$3 upwards, at Ehlers & Co.

His Excellency Governor Dominis and the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn visited H. B. M. S. Constance on Friday morning, and a salute was fired in their honor.

By the S. S. Alameda, advices were received of a talented veterinary surgeon having been engaged for the Islands at the instance of the Government.

H. B. M. Commissioner Major Wodehouse and Captain Doughty, of H. B. M. S. Constance, called on the Minister of Foreign Affairs on Thursday.

His Excellency Governor Dominis informed the Assembly last Friday night that it had pleased His Majesty to announce that he would be prepared to prorogue the Assembly on Saturday next, the 30th inst.

On Saturday last Mr. E. B. Friel was acquitted of the charge preferred against him for malicious injury, and left the Court without the slightest reflection on his character.

The sum of \$3,000, stakes to be run for on Saturday next, by General Hancock and Langford, Jr., has been deposited with Mr. A. G. Ellis. There is every promise of this being an exciting match.

A petition to be presented to His Majesty has been drawn up and signed by a number of merchants, praying that "An Act for the Protection of Creditors against Fraudulent Insolvents" be vetoed.

An express wagon got away from its driver (Kamaka) Friday evening and after going at a 2.10 gait down Fort street, shot round Wilder's corner for home, but failed to pass the corner of Richard and Queen, where was a general smash up.

The following from the local column of the gentle *Bulletin* are altogether too funny to pass unnoticed. The italics are ours:

"There is still a prospect of war between China and France."

"The British Parliament near prorogued Thursday August 14."

In Thursday night's sitting of the Legislature was an animated debate on an item of \$23,441.92 introduced by the Minister of the Interior, to defray certain indebtedness in connection with the Palace. After an animated debate, it was finally referred to the Finance Committee.

It was rumored about town on Saturday afternoon that Gov. Dominis had been seized with a fit. Such was not the case. He was preoccupied for a short time after over-exhaustion from a lengthy swim. We are happy to state that the Governor is well.

The Remenyi Concert Friday night was another grand success. There was a universal regret felt when it was announced that our local baritone could not appear, owing to indisposition; but Mr. Himmer kindly filled the blank that would otherwise have appeared in the programme. This evening M. Remenyi will give his fourth concert.

The fire-well plugs are very much neglected in this city. On Sunday morning it was found impossible to open the plug at the corner of King and Nuuanu streets. It ought to be somebody's duty to inspect the fire-wells daily or weekly, otherwise it is of no use keeping up an expensive fire department.

The vote to grant Government aid to the old and newly formed Volunteer Companies was reconsidered Thursday on the motion of Attorney-General Neumann, and resulted in \$12,000 being appropriated for their aid. This ought to increase the *esprit de corps*, and result in making the Honolulu Rifles a crack regiment.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Z. K. Myers, Manager of the California Produce and Provision Co., very kindly forwarded a sample box of fresh plums for the benefit of "Our Boys." They were highly appreciated, and pronounced to be of A1 quality. By each steamer Mr. Myers receives a large supply of California fruits, and the public ought to patronize liberally one who caters for their welfare. The fruit store is on Hotel street, No. 73.